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In re Application of: )  
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AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD : ) October 31, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08a Form. In accordance with current practice, no copies of any U.S. patent documents are enclosed. A copy of the listed non-U.S. patent document is enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document JP4-33470 is provided in the form of an English language abstract.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO/SB/08a Form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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